



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

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Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Aug 1-3	RTOC, Region 9	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 Hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Sep 24-28	National Forum on Tribal Environmental Science	Ocean Shores, WA	http://www.scgcorp.com/TribalScience
Sep 28-30	West Coast Green Residential Building Conference	San Francisco, CA	Elizabeth Forsyth, 415-972-3380, forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov (3 free registrations to be raffled)
Oct 22-25	National Recycling Coalition Annual Congress and Expo, Region 5	Atlanta, GA	http://www.recyclingconference.org Scholarship money is available to all regions.
Oct 30-31	RTOC, Region 9	San Francisco, CA	Lilia Dignan 415-972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov
Nov 1-3	14 th Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	San Francisco, CA	Gregory Phillips 775-885-6085 or email Phillips.gregory@epa.gov

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Nov 7-9	National Tribal Invasive Species Conference (NTISC)	Sparks, NV	Robin Powell, 775-574-0101, ext. 34 rpowell@plpt.nsn.us More conference information in next newsletter,
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Sponsor: Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Feb 26 – Mar 1, 2007	National RCAP Conference	Long Beach, CA	http://www.rcac.org
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Trainings

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

Aug. 8-11	Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP) Level 3	Flagstaff, AZ	http://www.nau.edu/itep 928 523-9555
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For a complete listing of the course catalog, please to go: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>
Or, call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator.: 928-523.6887

**Sponsor: California Governor's Office of Planning and Research**

Aug 24	Local and Tribal Intergovernmental Consultation: Senate Bill 18 Training Session	Chumash Tribal Hall Santa Ynez, CA	Cuaudemoc.Gonzalez@OPR.CA.GOV 916-445-0613 or www.opr.ca.gov
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Sponsor: Pryamid Lake Paiute and Region 9

Sep 19-21	Financial Administrative Workshop	Flagstaff, AZ	http://www.plpt.nsn.us Lela Christensen, 775-574-1000
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Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Aug 1-3	FED 103:	Denver, CO	Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov or go to: http://www.envirofieldschool.com
Sep12-14	Enforcement Teamwork: Regulations to Resolutions	New York, NY	http://www.netionline.com

EPA's NETI online training resource site provides access to course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov or contact the following Web site: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com>. Visit <http://www.netionline.com> for the most up-to-date list of enforcement and compliance courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

Aug 7-11	Water Laboratory Analyst	Tempe, AZ	Deborah Patton, 602-258-4825 Locations are subject to change.
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Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center

Aug 8-9	Applied Environmental Database Design and Queries with Microsoft Access	Portland, OR	http://www.nwetc.org/comp-401_08-06_portland.htm
Aug. 9-10	Contaminant Chemistry and Transport in Soil and Groundwater	Spokane, WA	http://www.nwetc.org/chem-403b_08-06_spokane.htm
Aug 10	Fundamental Contaminant Chemistry -	Portland, OR	http://www.nwetc.org/comp-402_08-06_portland.htm
Aug 16-17	Backpack Electrofishing and Fish Handling Techniques	Sacramento, CA	info@nwetc.org
Aug. 23-25	Fundamental Contaminant Chemistry	Portland, OR	http://www.nwetc.org/

**Sponsor: Native American Energy and Minerals Institute (NAEMI)**

Aug 21-25	Renewable energy for Tribal Community Development	Golden, CO	http://www.mines.edu/outreach/cont_ed/naemi/retcd.html
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Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. For more information go to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/financing/> or <http://www.grants.gov>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

EPA is soliciting applications from federally recognized Indian tribes or intertribal consortia to co-sponsor the *Eighth National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management* (NTCEM). The goals for the eighth conference are to facilitate the development and effectiveness of tribal environmental programs, strengthen networks and relationships across environmental efforts in Indian country, identify and share lessons learned, and familiarize tribes with the full range and extent of tribal and non-tribal environmental protection activities. The deadline for an application is August 15, 2006. The complete solicitation is available on the internet at:

<http://www.epa.gov/water/funding.html#tribes>



Tribal Indoor Radon Request for Proposals:

EPA Region 9, Air Division, is soliciting proposals from eligible Tribes and Tribal Consortia to fund Tribal Indoor Radon Pilot Project. Proposals must demonstrate the effectiveness of reducing health risks through the development and implementation of projects for the assessment and mitigation of radon. Approximately \$250,000 of total federal funds will be available. Region 9 anticipates awarding approximately 3-4 grant agreements ranging in size from \$25,000 to \$70,000 for work to be completed in either one or two years. Go to the following link to review the full announcement: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/tribal-radon-06.html> or call Louise Hill, 415-947-4192 hill.louise@epa.gov



Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Program

EPA is requesting proposals from Region 9 Tribes (California, Arizona and Nevada) under the Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Program. This program provides the opportunity for Region 9 Tribes to obtain EPA grants for improvements to public water systems (PWS). The funding will be used to address the most significant public health threats posed by inadequate public drinking water system infrastructure. When submitting proposals, applicants can request assistance for a feasibility study or, if a study has already been completed, for construction funding. Project proposal forms (and feasibility studies, if applicable) must be postmarked by September 22, 2006. The guidance and instructions are available on the EPA Region 9 Grants website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html>. For more information, please contact your EPA PWS Program Manager or call Sara Jacobs at 415-972-3564.



Draft Guidance for Implementing Executive Order 13175

Public comment to Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments has been extended to September 19, 2006. For more information, contact Joan Crawford, 202-564-6568; e-mail: crawford.joan@epa.gov or Jose Aguto, (202) 564-0289, aguto.jose@epa.gov

2006 "Tribal Water Quality Accomplishments" booklet now available

The Water Division, Tribal Office, with the help of Region 9 tribes, created a booklet which highlights the accomplishments of tribal water pollution control programs in the Pacific Southwest. Please visit our website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/tribal-cwa.html>, and click on the "NEW Tribal Accomplishments 2006" link under the "Water Pollution Control Program" section. If you have any questions/comments regarding this publication, contact Jared Vollmer at 415-972-3447, or email at vollmer.jared@epa.gov.

Air Toxics Risk Assessment (ATRA)

EPA announces the publication of Volume 3 of its ATRA Reference Library. ATRA Volume 3 builds on the information presented in ATRA Volume 1 to describe how to evaluate and reduce cumulative air toxics risks at the local level. The document also presents readily available information on additional multimedia risk factors that may affect communities and strategies to reduce those risks. The ATRA library, along with other EPA Office of Air risk resources can be access on our Fate, Exposure and Risk Analysis (FERA) Web site (www.epa.gov/ttn/fera). If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dr. Deirdre Murphy at 919-541-0729 (murphy.deirdre@epa.gov) or Dr. Ken Mitchell at 404-562-9065 (mitchell.ken@epa.gov).

Captain Planet Foundation

The Captain Planet Foundation provides \$500 to \$2.5K grants to help children and youth around the world work, individually and collectively, solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. There are four grant cycles a year and next deadline is September 30, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/>

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, among others. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov.

Free Assistance for Healthy, Energy-efficient and Durable Housing

Global Green USA, a nonprofit environmental organization, has received funding from EPA Region 9 to offer assistance to tribal housing entities. The assistance will be in the form of finding ways to incorporate green building strategies into planned affordable housing developments. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pamela Cepe at (310) 581-2700 x107 or pcepe@globalgreen.org. For more information on Green Building visit EPA's site at <http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding> and Global Green at <http://www.globalgreen.org/programs/building.html>.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or email to: warren.carl@epa.gov

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop ways to meet environmental community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859 or go to: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.html

Office of Homeland Security (OHS)

The California Homeland Security has about \$300M of FY 03/04 money that will be rescinded if not spent by September 30, 2006. The money must be used for emergency preparedness/response, such as breathing apparatus for fire departments and first responder equipment. A short proposal can be emailed to glenn.sadler1@us.army.mil. For more information, contact Glenn Sadler, Tribal Liaison, OHS, at 916-324-9223 (desk), 916-826-6874 (cell). Again, the deadline is September 30, 2006.



Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG)

Tribal representatives of a nonprofit organization may apply for a grant to address local environmental hazards through community partnerships. The EJSG Program is a multi-statute program designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. Deadline for applications is October 23, 2006. For more information go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=10091>

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)



Water Infrastructure Funding

USDA Rural Development has water infrastructure funding available for tribes under the Native American Grants program. This year, \$16.3M is available nationwide. Eligible tribes must have a per capita income of no more than \$15,110, an unemployment rate of at least 6.25%, and a documented public health or environmental need. Click on the state office link: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2006funding.htm>. California tribes may also call Dave Hartwell at (503) 792-5817.

Internet system gives access to soil survey information

A new interactive web soil survey site now provides public access to soils information that contributes to every aspect of public and private land use and development. This site provides critical soils information for land developers, farmers, home buyers, and city planners. The Natural Resource Conservation Service has soils maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site will be updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information. To view the Web site go to <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling (916) 341-6316

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones (916) 319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call (800) 449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
For more information, call Jessica Counts (415) 972-3288.

Employment Opportunities



Environmental Assistant

The Resighini Rancheria has an opening for an environmental assistant. This is a full time position and salary is dependent on experience. For more information, please contact Phil Smith, 707-482-3413 or email psmith@resighini.us Required Special Qualifications: Valid Class C California State Driver's license. A reliable vehicle is required and a willingness to use said vehicle on the job according to the Tribe's Vehicle Policy.



Air Quality Compliance Specialist

The Cabazon Environmental Department has an opening in the Air Quality Program. The person will be responsible for conducting, monitoring and testing activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance. For more information, contact Jim Bullard, Cabazon Human Resources Department at jbullard@cabazonindians-nsn.gov or call 760-342-2593 ext, 84879.



Tribal District Coordinator

The Central Valley Tribal Environmental Consortium (CVTEC), Fresno, CA, has an opening for a part time (20 hours a week) Tribal District Coordinator. This position is under the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service and is part of the older worker employee program (applicants must be over 55 year old). The hourly wage is \$11.75. Visit <http://www.acesproject.org> and click on "APPLICANTS" at the bottom of the home page for detailed information and application form.

Senior Planner

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for a Senior Planner. This candidate will perform a variety of professional planning activities including: review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have an advanced degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills. If interested in this position please email your cover letter and resume to mgomez@aguacaliente.net or call (760)-883-1345 for more information

Miscellaneous items



16th International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment

Become one of seven lucky children to win a fully sponsored trip to the main World Environment Day celebrations in Tromso, Norway on June 5, 2007. In addition to the trip, receive a cash prize of US\$ 2,000 (as the global winner) and US\$ 1,000 (as one of 6 regional winners). This year's competition will focus on the theme of Climate Change. Preliminary selection will be done by UNEP Regional Offices and their partners while the final selection will be done by the Foundation for Global Peace and Environment, UNEP, Bayer and Nikon. *In order to qualify*, children must be between the ages of 6 and 14 years on World Environment Day 2007 (June 5, 2007). For complete information on the competition, please go to the following Web site <http://www.unep.org/tunza/painting> or contact Joyce Sang Programme Assistant Phone: +254 (0)20 762 50 66 or e-mail: joyce.sang@unep.org Entries must be received by December 31, 2006.



Wal-Mart and Land Conservation

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and the National Fish and the Wildlife Foundation request proposals for Acres for America. This program provides funding for projects that conserve important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants through acquisition of real property. The goal of the program is to offset the footprint of Wal-Mart's domestic facilities on at least an acre-by-acre basis. Approximately \$2.5 million expected to be available annually through 2014. Annual pre-proposals are required and are due April 1 and September 1, annual full proposals due June 1 and November 1. For more information, go to: <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/acresforamerica/rfp.cfm>.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook

In an effort to reduce scrap tire piles around the country, EPA and the state of Illinois have created the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook, A Resource for Solid Waste Managers across the United States. It is estimated that more than 290 million tires are scrapped each year in the United States. While 80 per cent are being reused, millions have been accumulating in stockpiles over the past several decades. Large scrap tire stockpiles present a risk to human health and the environment. State, federal and local agencies have spent tens of millions of dollars over the past few decades responding to tire fires. The guidebook is rich with case studies highlighting many success

stories. It can be found at www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/guidance . In addition to the guidebook, many resources are available to those tackling a scrap tire problem, including presentations from several scrap tire forums, information on technical issues concerning scrap tires, and end-use markets. See www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/index .

National Response Center (NRC):

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call -602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

EPA Mold Web Course

There is a new learning tool designed to help tribes learn more about preventing and removing mold. This free web course is for environmental and public health professionals. For more information, contact Louise Hill at 415-947-4192 or go to <http://www.epa.gov/mold>

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov .

Alameda County Computer Resource Center (ACCRC)

James Burgett, ACCRC, won an individual environmental award from EPA on April 18, 2006. His non-profit company recycles computers and gives free computers to schools, non-profits, and disadvantaged individuals. He can supply free computers to tribal members and tribal schools. However, there are some limitations to the computers. The key one is that it operates on Linux (which is free) rather than Microsoft Windows. That should not be an obstacle if someone wants to access the internet or do simple things. Desk top computers as well as notebooks are available. For more information, go to <http://www.accrc.org> or call him at 510-528-4052.

EPA Guidelines and General Guidance

A "how-to" guide for implementing EPA's Voluntary National Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems is final. The guide describes a step-by-step approach for the development of a community management program for decentralized wastewater systems. It includes specific community examples, gives an overview of the elements essential for sound management of these systems, and provides links to extensive resources. For more information go to:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/guidelines.cfm#handbook>

Sustainable Earth Initiative (SEI) designated by EPA to help government entities address environmental challenges

Oakland-based nonprofit SEI has been designated by EPA as the Region 9 Local Resource Center, providing Environmental Management Systems (EMS) development and implementation assistance to governmental entities, including cities, counties and tribal governments. EMS is a well established tool to help local governments prevent pollution, efficiently operate and improve environmental performance within their communities. SEI provides a range of services to local governments including, training, implementation assistance and coaching. SEI co-founders Gary Lucks and Susan Sakaki offer introductory and training workshops, and related implementation assistance to tribal organizations. Call Susan Sakaki at 510-531-5377 for information on SEI. For information on the EPA program go to <http://www.peercenter.net>. For information on SEI: go to <http://www.sustainableearthinitiative.org>

Baseline Needs Assessment (BNA)

The BNA was prepared by the National Tribal Environmental Council and Rural Community Assistance Corporation under a grant from the EPA to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, working in conjunction with the Region 9 Tribal Caucus and the Region 9 RTOC Drinking Water/Wastewater Subcommittee. For complete details, visit the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/bna/>

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at 415-972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Corner

If you are interested in the EPP corner or would like to find out more about it, please contact: Erica Yelensky: 415 972-302; yelensky.ERICA@epa.gov or the following Web sites:

<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>

<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>

<http://es.epa.gov/new/contacts/newsletters/shopping.html>

<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>

<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=439>

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>
<http://www.nativeseeds.org/v2/default.php>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.wapa.gov/es/pubs/fctsheet/casino%20fact%20Sheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/solid/indianwaste.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
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